

Small Business Impact Statement

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, Section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) requires that each state agency consider the effect of such action on small businesses as defined in C.G.S. Section 4-168a. When such regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, C.G.S. Section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

State Agency submitting proposed regulations: Department of Construction Services

Subject matter of Regulation: Connecticut State Fire Safety Code

In accordance with C.G.S. Section 4-168a, staff analyzed the effect on small businesses of the proposed regulations and determined the following:

Check all appropriate boxes:

- ☐ The regulatory action will not have an effect on small businesses.
- ☒ The regulatory action will have an effect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses.
- ☐ The regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially effected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:
- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
 - (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment.
- ☐ The regulatory action will have an adverse effect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

Has the State agency listed above notified the Department of Economic and Community Development of its intent to take the proposed action and completed the Agency Fiscal Estimate of Proposed Regulations?

Yes

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Submitting Regulation: Department of Construction Services Date: May 22, 2012

Subject Matter of Regulation: Connecticut State Fire Safety Code

Regulation Section No.: 29-292-1e to 29-292-25e Statutory Authority: CGS 29-292

Other Agencies Effected: None Directly

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: May 15, 2012

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ESTIMATE OF COST OR REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency: Department of Construction Services

Fund Effected: General

	First Year	Second Year	Full Operation
Number of Positions	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total State Cost or (Savings)	0	0	0
Estimated Revenue Gain or (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net State Cost or (Savings)	0	0	0

Explanation of State Impact of Regulation:

With the adoption of the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code, a Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies adopted under the authority of section 29-291a of the Connecticut General Statutes, numerous provisions of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code were included in that regulation, which enhanced the enforcement abilities of the fire marshal community. This technical revision to the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code eliminates duplication and confusion over applicable requirements. The fiscal impact to the state is to provide educational programs to code users, which the state already does within existing resources. The change in codes will simply mean a change in subject matter for the classes, but will have no impact on staffing.

Explanation of Municipal Impact of Regulation:

Municipal code enforcement officials will now be able to utilize the provisions of the CT State Fire Prevention Code, which will result in ease in gaining compliance with the minimum requirements for fire safety. Further, the use of the citation process allowed pursuant to CGS Section 29-291c(d) would provide the municipalities with additional revenue to offset the cost of the code enforcement process.

Explanation of Small Business Impact of Regulation:

Currently there exist duplicate requirements for fire safety that will be simplified.

Is a regulatory flexibility analysis required pursuant to C.G.S. 4-168a?

No